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June 30, 2017

Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58

2017 ETC Annual Report of Saluda Mountain Telephone Company

Study Area Code 230498

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Saluda Mountain Telephone Company ("Company"), JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. The redacted version is being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

301-459-7590

jkuykendall@jsitel.com

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Protective Order, DA 16-296 rel. March 22, 2016 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).

FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION ONB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 Data Collection Form

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(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
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Reference Number	Outage Start Date	Outage Start Time	Outage End Date	Outage End Time	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures

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<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)					_
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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice tele calendar year for each service area in which yo any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwards.	ephony service in the prior ou are designated an ETC fo	Offered both fixed and mobile voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice		0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile void	ce	0.0
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how end-user customer complaints (zero or greater the prior calendar year for each service area in an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, leas	r) for broadband service in which you are designated	Offered both fixed and mobile broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broad	dband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile bro	padband	0.0

	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013				
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<500>	<500> Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules Yes						
		230498nc510.pdf					
<510>	<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance						
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Yes 230498nc610.pdf

 $<\!\!600\!\!> \quad \text{Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations}$

<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Saluda Mountain Telephone Company		
<811>	Holding Company	RiverStreet Management Services, LLC d/b/a F	liverStreet Networks	
<812>	Operating Company	Saluda Mountain Telephone Company		

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(900) Tri	bal Lands Reporting		FCC Form 481
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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No	
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached D	Document
to confi	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes rm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to	Select Yes or No or	
<pre><921></pre> <pre><922></pre>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. Feasibility and sustainability planning;	Not Applicable	
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;		
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance		·
		Name of Attache	d Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Yes - Pricing is no more the Wireline Competition	than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by Bureau
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 k upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

(1200) Te	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers			FCC Form 481
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<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	~		

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.		
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		

(2005) Price Cap	Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481	
Data Collection F	Form		o. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate-of	F-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013	
Price Ca	p Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}		
<2016>	Certification support used to build broadband		
Connect	America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}		
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?		
<2017C>	Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.		
<2018>	Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)		

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
		7	Yes - At	tach Certific	cation
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}				230498nc3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docu Information	ument Lis	sting Required	
(3012A)	•	No - No New Community	Anchors	3	
(3012B)	54.313(f)(1)(ii)} Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docu	ument Lis	sting Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR	Information (Yes/No)	•	0	
(3014)	§ 54.313(f)(2)} If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	0	\odot	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications				
(3016)	Borrowers) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Docu Information	ument Lis	ting Required	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or	(Yes/No)	•	·	
(3020)	(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			·	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			~	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.]
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Docu Information	ument Lis	iting Required	230498nc3026.pdf

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary
(3027) Revenue
(3028) Operating Expenses
(3029) Net Income
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
(3031) Total Assets
(3032) Total Debt
(3033) Total Equity
(3034) Dividends

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

4003b . Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (par	agraph 80)
4004a . Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
4004b . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information ————————————————————————————————————

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Signature of Authorized Officer: Date Printed name of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Telephone number of Authorized Officer: Filing Due Date for this form: Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment

under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent)JSI also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my res agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data	is authorized to submit the information reported on be sponsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirement provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: JSI		
Name of Reporting Carrier: SALUDA MOUNTAIN TEL		
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/29/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Tim Tribble		
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Regulatory & Repor	ting Administrator	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 3369736164 ext.		
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 230498	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017	
, ,	punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	fine or imprisonment

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of R	eportin	ng Carrier
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is		
Name of Reporting Carrier: SALUDA MOUNTAIN TEL		
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: JSI		
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/29/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: JSI		
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Regulatory Consultant		
Felephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 3014597590 ext.		
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 230498 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017		
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	503(b), oı	r fine or imprisonment under Title

Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2017
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge 22.8

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
NC	Saluda		FR	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8

(710) Broadband Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	NC	Saluda	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.512	0.512	999999.0	Other, No Usage Limits
	NC	Saluda	20.0	0.0	20.0	1.5	0.512	999999.0	Other, No Usage Limits
	NC	Saluda	25.0	0.0	25.0	3.5	0.512	999999.0	Other, No Usage Limits
	NC	Saluda	30.0	0.0	30.0	6.0	0.512	999999.0	Other, No Usage Limits
	NC	Saluda	40.0	0.0	40.0	12.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Usage Limits

	perating Companies			FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Saluda Mountain Telephone Company		
<811>	Holding Company	RiverStreet Management Services, LLC d/b/a	RiverStreet Networks	
<812>	Operating Company	Saluda Mountain Telephone Company		

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
=	Wilkes Telephone Membership Corp.	230510	Wilkes Communications, RiverStreet Networks
_	Wilkes Communications, Inc.		
_	Carolina West Wireless, Inc.	239004	
_	RiverStreet Management Services, LLC		RiverStreet Networks
_	Service Telephone Company	230500	RiverStreet Networks
_	Barnardsville Telephone Company	230469	RiverStreet Networks
_	RiverStreet Communications of NC, Inc.		RiverStreet Networks
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Saluda Mountain Telephone Company's Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."² The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.³ In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."⁴

Saluda Mountain Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection obligations under both federal and North Carolina state law. The Company is subject to, and compliant with, consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. The Company complies with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order as they become effective.

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.

Saluda Mountain Telephone Company's Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Saluda Mountain Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2). The Company's voice and broadband network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office locations. The will continue to run as long as the Company has access to fuel. The Company complies with the FCC's backup power requirements, effective October 16, 2015.

¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including an demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spiked resulting from emergency situations."

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Section 3

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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BY: Eric S, Cramer, Chief Executive Officer

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3.1 APPLICATION OF RATES FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE SERVICE

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A. GENERAL

Determination as to whether subscribers' service (as distinguished from public and semi-public telephone service) shall be furnished at business or residence rates is based on the character of use to be made of the service.

B. BUSINESS RATES APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- 1. In offices of hotels, halls and offices of apartment houses, boarding houses where business listings are employed, quarters occupied by clubs and fraternal societies, except as modified under C-4, in schools, hospitals, libraries, churches and other institutions.
- 2. At residence locations, where the place of residence is adjacent to a place of business and is connected thereto, and it is not evident that the telephone located in the residence is to be employed primarily for domestic use.
- 3. At residence locations where an extension station or extension bell is located in any place where business rates would apply under the provisions of this tariff.
- 4. At any location where a business designation is provided or when any title indicating a trade or profession is listed, except as modified under C-3.
- 5. At all other locations where the subscriber's primary use of the service is for business purposes.

C. RESIDENCE RATES APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- 1. At private residences where business listing are not employed.
- 2. At boarding houses, except as modified under B-1, and private apartments in hotels where service is confined to the domestic sue of the subscriber, and business listings are not employed.

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Saluda Mountain Telephone Co. Saluda, North Carolina

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3.1 APPLICATION OF RATES FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE SERVICE (Con't)

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- C. RESIDENCE RATES APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: (Con't)
 - 3. At the place of residence of a clergyman, physician, nurse, midwife, dentist, veterinary surgeon or other medical practitioner or Christian Science practitioner, provied the stations are not installed in the portion of the subscriber's residence which is used as an office, but are located in the subscriber's domestic establishment, and provided no business designation is employed. Abbreviated titles such as "Rev.", "Dr.", "Judge", "Professor" are not considered business designations.
 - 4. In college fraternity houses where members of the fraternity lodge, or lodge and board, within the house.
 - 5. Lines which are terminated in facilities or equipment of an amateur radio licensee and used for control of amateur radio communications repeaters and for no purpose which would otherwise cause the service to be classified as business.
 - 6. Services provided to family care homes. For the purpose of this provision, a family care home is defined as a home with support and suppervisory personnel that provides room and board, personal care and habilitation services in a family environment for not more than six resident handicapped persons.
- D. Changes from business service to residence service are made only in the event of a change in the subscriber's arrangements which would entitle him to a residence classification of his service, as specified in C above.

The Business telephone number may be continued for the residence service only if all the facts indicate that the service is no longer to be used substantially for business purposes or if any family care home classified as business requests a change in classification from business to residence on

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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.2 MONTHLY EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE RATES

A. <u>General</u>

- 1. The rates specified herein, entitle subscribers to an unlimited number of messages to all exchanges bearing the designation of Saluda, Hendersonville, Arden, Fairview, Columbus, Green Creek, Tryon and Lake Lure.
- 2. The Network Access Register (NAR) provides for access to the local and long distance public switched network for line and trunk applications in conjunction with Digital Transport Service.

B. Rates (2)

		Monthly Rate	
1.	Residential One-Party	\$18.50	(I)
2.	Business One-Party*	34.20	
3.	PBX Trunk* (1)	38.25	
4.	The following monthly rate	is applicable to Network Access Registers	

4. The following monthly rate is applicable to Network Access Registers (NARS) on a per register basis:

Monthly Rate

\$11.63

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BY: Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President

^{*} Line Hunting charges as specified in Section 13 will apply if requested by the Customer.

⁽¹⁾ Ground Start included in PBX Rate.

⁽²⁾ Effective June 7, 2007, the Monthly Exchange Access Line Rates will include the Touch Tone Calling Service rate that previously appeared on Section 13, Sheet 17 of this tariff.

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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.3 TOTAL TALK PACK (Business³ Customers Only) ² (C)

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Total Talk Pack for residential customers has been grandfathered and moved to Section 100.

Total Talk Pack for business customers has been grandfathered and moved to Section 100 (N)

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BY: Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President

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3.3	TOTAL TALK PACK (Business ³ Customers Only) ² (Continued)	(O) (C
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2	Total Talk Pack for residential customers has been grandfathered and moved to Section 100. Total Talk Pack for business customers has been grandfathered and moved to Section 100.	(N

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BY: Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President

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BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.4 **LIFELINE AND LINKUP PROGRAMS**

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3.4.1 General

3.4.1 (a) Description of programs.

(N)

- (1) Lifeline service is a federally administered program providing a monthly discount to qualifying low-income consumers for voice telephone service or broadband service.
- (2) Tribal Link Up service is a federally administered program providing a discount to the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service to a qualifying consumer on Tribal lands.

(b) Program eligibility.

In order to be eligible for assistance, a consumer must meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in Commission Rule R9-6 and 47 C.F.R. part 54, subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.

(c) Verification of eligibility.

The method for verification of the eligibility criteria set forth in (b) above shall be a national eligibility verifier. Until the national eligibility verifier has been established to verify eligibility in North Carolina, the verification method will be self-certification by the recipients of the eligible programs.

(d) Support.

The monthly recurring and one-time connection discount provided to consumers through the Lifeline and Link Up programs is set forth in 47 C.F.R. part 54, subpart E of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.

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3.4 **LIFELINE AND TRIBAL LINK UP PROGRAMS** (Continued)

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3.5 TDS TELECOM PLUS+

3.5.1 General

a. TDS TELECOM PLUS+ (TDS+) is a Defined Radius Plan (DRP) which increases a customer's local originating seven or ten digits dialed calling area. This mandatory plan provides calling options for direct dialed calls that terminate to all exchanges (rate centers) within forty miles and within the Asheville LATA.

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3.5.2 Regulations

- a. TDS+ service is available to all classes of business and residence service in the Saluda exchange. The flat rate option is only available to residential customers.
- b. TDS+ service applies only to direct dialed station-to-station calls. Operator assisted calls are not included in this plan.
- c. Paystation Service offered in Section 7 of this tariff are excluded from this plan. (T)
- d. For calls that are made to Call Forwarded lines, the customer pays the appropriate usage rate for the duration of the call from the originating number to the called number. The customer of the Call Forwarding service pays any applicable usage rate from the called number to the terminating location of the call.
- e. Calls placed from an off-premises extension of an access line will be billed as if the local calls had been placed from the primary service location.

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3.5 **TDS TELECOM PLUS+** (Continued)

3.5.2 Regulations (Continued)

- f. TDS+ Measured or Flat Rate Service
 - 1) Measured Service provides residence and business customers with calling based on minutes of use. The rates specified in Paragraph 3.5.3, following, will be assessed on each minute of use or fraction thereof rounded to the next higher minute on all originating calls completed to the Expanded Local Calling Area No. 1 exchanges listed in Paragraph 3.5.4.
 - 2) Flat Rate Service provides residence customers only with unlimited calling. A single rate as specified in Paragraph 3.5.3, following, will be assessed on a monthly basis for all originating calls that are completed to the Expanded Local Calling Area No. 1 exchanges listed in Paragraph 3.5.4.
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- g. Customers will be billed the Measured Service plan for calling area 1, unless the residence customer specifically subscribes to the Flat Rate Service.
- h. All charges assessed under this plan are in addition to Basic Local Exchange line rates.
- i. All per minute rates will be billed in arrears. Flat rates will be billed in advance.
- j. Directory Assistance and Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service, Section 3A and 3.7, respectively, apply to this plan.

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3.5 **TDS TELECOM PLUS+** (Continued)

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3.5.2 Regulations (Continued)

- k. The per minute rate is valid 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No time of day discounts will apply.
- I. Multiple residence customers may subscribe to either calling option on a per line basis.
- m. Customers who subscribe to the Measured Service will receive message detailed billing at no charge. Message detailed billing is not available with the Flat Rate option.
- n. Non-recurring service order charges will not apply to changes in a customer's billing option.
- o. TDS+ Call Restriction allows calls to exchanges in Calling Area 1 to be blocked when customers dial 7 or 10 digits. Calls placed to exchanges in Calling Area 1 using 1+ dialing will still be available unless the customer also subscribes to Toll Restriction located under Custom Calling Services in Section 8.

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3.5 **TDS TELECOM PLUS+** (Continued)

3.5.3 Rates

The following rates are in addition to the Basic Local Exchange line rates and apply to calls completed to the exchanges listed in paragraph 3.5.4.

(1) Calling Area 1 Rate Plans

(a) Measured Service Plan

Initial Minute \$0.07 Each Additional Minute \$0.07

(b) Residence Flat Rate Service Plan

Monthly Unlimited Calling \$8.50

Monthly Rate
No Charge

(2) TDS+ Call Restriction

3.5.4 Expanded Local Calling Areas

The exchanges listed below for the Expanded Local Calling Areas are in association with TDS TELECOM PLUS+.

Home Exchange

Saluda

Expanded Local Calling Area No.1
Asheville, Barnardsville, Black Mountain,
Brevard, Canton, Clyde, Enka-Candler,
Garden City, Glenwood-Providence,
Leicester, Marion, Old Fort, Swannanoa,

Waynesville, Weaverville

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3.6 OPERATOR ASSISTED LOCAL CALLS

- 3.6.1 Operator Assisted Charges
 - A. All types of local exchange service have local calling areas within which local calls can be made on a flat rate basis (no charge for individual calls) or on a local coin call rate basis.
 - B. Local dial call: The call must be dialed and completed without the assistance of an operator and must be billed to the originating telephone when a charge is applicable.
 - C. The following service charges for operator assisted local calls apply in addition to the local dial rate applicable¹.
 - 1. Station-to-Station customer dialed credit card local call

Nonrecurring Charge \$ 0.30

(a) Each \$ 0.30

- 2. Station-to-Station operator assisted sent-paid, collect, third number, and non-customer-dialed credit card calls.
 - (a) Each \$ 0.70
- 3. Person-to-Person operator assisted local call
 - (a) Each \$1.70
- D. The following Operator Assisted Local Calls are exempted from the service charge:
 - 1. Calls to designated Company numbers for official telephone business.
 - 2. Emergency calls to recognizable authorized civil agencies.
 - 3. Those cases where a Company operator provides assistance to:
 - (a) Re-establish a call which has been interrupted after the calling number has been reached.
 - (b) Reach the calling telephone number where facility problems prevent customer dial completion.
 - (c) Place a non-coin, sent-paid call for a calling party who identifies himself as being handicapped and unable to dial the call because of his handicap.

Note 1: The local dial rate applicable for operator-assisted local calls originated from a Public Telephone Access Service line and processed by an operator is the rate specified in Section 7.1.4 of this Tariff.

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3.7. <u>VERIFICATION AND EMERGENCY INTERRUPT SERVICE</u>

3.7.1 General

Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service is furnishes where and to the extent that facilities permit. The customer shall identify and save the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

A. Verification

- 1. The Company furnishes Verification Service for the purpose of aiding subscribers with legitimate call completion problems. Upon request the operator will verify and provide the line status condition of a local subscriber line.
- 2. A subscriber originated request for verification of a local number is a chargeable verification request if an operator determines that the line is in use. No charge applies if the line is out of order.

B. Emergency Interrupt Service

- The Company furnishes Emergency Interrupt Service when a subscriber who has
 originated a verification request to a line which has been found in a busy talking
 state informs the operator that an urgent or emergency situation exists and
 requests that the operator have the busy line cleared.
- 2. A subscriber originated request for Emergency Interrupt to a local number is a chargeable Emergency Interrupt request.

3.7.2 Application of Rates and Charges

- A. No charge will apply if the requesting customer identifies that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency. An official public emergency agency is defined as a government agency which is operated by the Federal, state or local government and has the capability and legal authority to provide prompt and direct aid to the public in emergency situations. Such agencies include the local police, state police, fire department, etc.
- B. Charges for Verification and Emergency Interruption may be billed to the originating number, a calling card number or a third number. Charges for Emergency Interrupt may be billed on a collect basis at the discretion of the Company in the absence of other billing options.
- C. Charges for verification will not be billed on a collect basis.
- D. No operator assisted surcharge will apply in addition to the applicable Verification and Emergency Interrupt charges.

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3.7. <u>VERIFICATION AND EMERGENCY INTERRUPT SERVICE</u> (Continued)

3.7.2 Application of Rates and Charges (Continued)

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- E. If the number verified is not in use, or as a result of interrupt the line is cleared and, at the calling party's request, the operator completes the call, the charges for Operator Assisted Local Calls as defined in Section 3.6 of this Tariff apply in addition to the applicable Verification and Emergency Interrupt charges.
 - 1. Verification Request

		Nonrecurring
		Charge
(a)	Each request	\$ 0.35
Emergency Interrupt Request		
(a)	Each request ¹	\$ 0.40

Note 1: A charge for a Verification Request also applies.

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3.8 **ALLTELL CALLING PLAN**

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3.8.1 General

The ALLTELL CALLING PLAN provides optional block of time calling between Saluda Mtn. And the Alltell exchanges of Tryon, Green Creek, and Columbus. This optional plan provides interLATA calling options for direct dialed calls that terminate to the exchanges listed above.

3.8.2 Regulations

- a. The ALLTELL CALLING PLAN is available to all classes of business and residence service in the Saluda exchange on a per- line basis.
- b. The ALLTELL CALLING PLAN applies only to direct dialed station-tostation calls. Operator assisted calls are not included in this plan.
- c. For calls that are made to Call Forwarded lines, the customer pays the appropriate usage rate for the duration of the call from the originating number to the called number. The customer of the Call Forwarding service pays any applicable usage rate from the called number to the terminating location of the call.
- d. Calls placed from an off-premises extension of an access line will be billed as if the local calls had been placed from the primary service location.

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3.8 ALLTELL CALLING PLAN (Continued)

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3.8.2 <u>Regulations</u> (Continued)

- e. The ALLTELL CALLING PLAN provides residence and business customers with 5 hours of use per billing period for a flat monthly rate. The rates specified in Paragraph 3.8.3, following, will be assessed on each minute of use or fraction thereof rounded to the next higher minute on all originating calls completed to the Expanded Local Calling Area exchanges listed in Paragraph 3.8.4. All minutes over the 5 hours will be charged on a per minute basis.
- f. All charges assessed under this plan are in addition to Basic Local Exchange line rates.
- g. All per minute rates will be billed in arrears. Flat rates will be billed in advance.
- h. Directory Assistance and Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service, Section 3A and 3.7, respectively, apply to this plan.
- i. The per minute rate is valid 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No time of day discounts apply.
- j. Customers will receive message detailed billing at no charge.
- k. Non-recurring service order charges will not apply to changes in a customer's billing option.

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3.8 **ALLTELL CALLING PLAN** (Continued)

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3.8.3 Rates

a. The following rates are in addition to the Basic Local Exchange line rates and apply to calls completed to the exchanges listed in paragraph 3.8.4.

(1) Residence Service

Initial 5 hours \$7.00 Each Additional Minute \$0.07

(2) Business Service

Initial 5 hours \$14.00 Each Additional Minute \$ 0.07

3.8.4 Expanded Local Calling Area

The exchanges listed below for the Expanded Local Calling Areas are in association with the ALLTELL CALLING PLAN.

Home Exchange Expanded Local Calling Area

Saluda Tryon, Columbus, and Green Creek

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Saluda Mountain Telephone Company (SAC 230498)

Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))

Saluda Mountain Telephone Company hereby certifies that throughout 2016, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. If a request for broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream is unreasonable, the Company offers broadband service at the highest available speed.

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